GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3995
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2002
RAIN FED FARMING
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a comprehensive policy for rain-fed farming in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the time by which such policy is likely to be formulated;

(d) whether any financial assistance is being given to states which are already implementing such schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the total amount of financial assistance given to state as on March 31,2002, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Agriculture has formulated a National Agriculture Policy in 2000 which accordsvery high priority for watershed development programmes intended for promotion of rainfed farming in the country. Integrated and holistic development of rainfed areas will be promoted by conservation of rain water, by vegetative measures on watershed basis and by augmentation of biomass production through agro and farm forestry with the involvement of the watershed community.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Sir. Financial assistance is being extended to several States from the UnionMinistries of Agriculture and Rural Development through the following schemes:-

A. Ministry of Agriculture

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA).

2. Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA).

3. Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers(RVP & FPR).

B. Ministry of Rural Development.

4. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)

5. Desert Development Programme(DDP)
6. Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP).

The State-wise and scheme-wise assistance provided as on 31st March,2002 are at Annexure.

Annexure

Details of Financial Assistance provided to various Watershed Schemes since inception to 2001- 02

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.N.	Name of the State/UT	NWDPRA	RVP & FPR	WDPSCA	DPAP	DDP	IWDP
1	Andhra Pradesh	8379.617	7300.000	0.000	20807.000	4071.000	9718.470
2	Arunachal Pra	277.000	0.000		762.150	0.000	0.000	94.850
3	Assam	2701.387	598.150		680.000	0.000	0.000	2398.930
4	Bihar	1870.433	4252.280	0.000	1684.000	0.000	482.000
5	Chhattisgarh	1434.900	392.000	0.000	1381.000	0.000	945.770
6	Goa	153.563	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
7	Gujarat	12952.177	4575.500	0.000	6521.000	12303.000	4362.170
8	Haryana	1041.518	1862.170	0.000	0.000	5237.000	573.660
9	Himachal Pra	2127.520	11400.150	0.000	1037.000	2836.000	3615.410
10	J & Kashmir	694.512	4105.640	0.000	1497.000	4985.000	969.490
11	Jharkhand	0.000	87.100	0.000	1569.000	0.000	424.580
12	Karnataka	19390.165	11200.450	0.000	7668.000	3727.000	3163.460
13	Kerala	6372.900	2000.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	712.430
14	Madhya Pradesh	21560.513	20183.530	0.000	14091.000	0.000	4616.890
15	Maharashtra	26065.958	8215.400	0.000	10073.000	0.000	1781.380
16	Manipur	1458.900	0.000		1880.000	0.000	0.000	1289.010
17	Meghalaya	948.550	0.000		1163.000	0.000	0.000	297.650
18	Mizoram	3100.670	107.030		2821.330	0.000	0.000	983.230
19	Nagaland	2891.900	0.000		3056.000	0.000	0.000	3736.300
20	Orissa	10543.822	4431.030	0.000	2736.000	0.000	3162.440
21	Punjab	679.660	579.610	0.000	0.000	0.000	426.480
22	Rajasthan	32870.840	19296.130	0.000	3950.000	35445.000	4133.220
23	Sikkim	1294.910	1290.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	1619.070
24	Tamil Nadu	11451.611	6825.470	0.000	5335.000	0.000	2777.630
25	Tripura	1523.290	415.250		989.310	0.000	0.000	260.230
26	Uttar Pradesh	16880.217	18234.700	0.000	8261.000	0.000	7800.320
27	Uttaranchal	1649.230	8100.500	0.000	835.000	0.000	705.040
28	West Bengal	4053.475	3449.990	0.000	1180.000	0.000	432.000
29	DVC	0.000	9819.280	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
30	D & Nag. Hav.	16.315	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
31	Daman & Diu	2.315	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32	A & Nic. Is.	330.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
33	Delhi	0.000	86.750	0.000	0.000	0.000	250.000
34	Chandigarh	0.000	95.270	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
35	Headquarters	0.000	207.370	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
36	Others	0.000	0.000	0.000	52.000	15.000	0.000
	Total	194717.868	149110.800	11351.790	88677.000	68619.000	61732.110

@ = includes matching share of DVC.
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